

the authority of Congress and the limitations of the Constitution. President Obama does not.

The Constitution is not a list of suggestions; it is the law of the land. If members of Congress do not stand up for Congress's right to declare war, as enumerated in the Constitution, who will?

REP. DAN BURTON (R., Ind.),
Indianapolis.

You miss the point of the Kucinich and Boehner resolutions and misstate the Founders' intentions.

Our Founders did not expect Congress would "run a war," but they did expect Congress (e.g., the people) would determine if we would go to war. Implicit in the constitutional provision that "Congress shall have power to . . . declare war" is that the people would become informed on why the war was necessary and in the national interest, and thereby come to support the decision.

The War Powers Resolution and its reasonable attempt to allow our commander and

chief to respond to emergencies is moot in this case because, after almost three patient months, we the people are still waiting for an explanation of why we are in Libya. Is it an emergency? If we are in Libya, why not Yemen or Syria? As our representatives, the people's house is asking for an answer. Not to demand an answer would continue the bad precedents of allowing our commander in chief to assume unilateral non-constitutional powers. If an answer is not appropriately vetted by Congress, then the logical conclusion is to withdraw.

CONWAY G. IVY,
Beaufort, S.C.

In case people haven't noticed, the U.S. government is broke, and Libya did not attack us. As long as Republicans remain the party of perpetual war, they will likely continue to lose elections. There appears to be a dawning awareness among some in Congress that the American people are fed up with these unending wars that have nothing to do with defending America. That is the reason

some House Republicans supported the Kucinich resolution, and I applaud them. Congress should never have gone along with President Bush's war on Iraq, and Congress should not go along with President Obama's war on Libya. You cannot have limited government and unlimited war. The two are mutually exclusive.

SUSAN R. BERGE,
Johnston, R.I.

Your editorial fails to mention that each president since Richard Nixon could have taken the War Powers Resolution of 1973 to the Supreme Court, where the Founders set up a mechanism to decide matters like this.

We may not like some of the heads of other countries, and there are awful individuals ruling many countries, but that shouldn't cause us to ignore our own laws and Constitution to pound on them just because we can.

LARRY STEWART,
Vienna, Va.

NATO OPERATIONS IN LIBYA BY COUNTRY

Country	No. of personnel	No. of aircraft	Est No. of sorties flown, from beg of war until 5 May 2011	No. of cruise missiles fired	Main air base
Belgium	170	6	60		Araxos base in south-western Greece.
Bulgaria	160	0	0		
Canada	560	11	358		Trapani-Birgi and Signonella.
Denmark	120	4	161	0	Signonella, Sicily.
France	800	29	1,200		currently operating from French Air Bases of Avord, Nancy, St. Dizier, Dijon and Istres, as well as Evreux and Orleans for planes engaged in logistics.
Greece		0	0	0	Aktion and Andravida military air fields in Crete.
Italy		12	600		Gioia del Colle, Trapani, Signonella, Decimomannu, Amendola, Aviano, Pantelleria.
Jordan	30	12			Cerenecia, Libya.
Netherlands	200	7			sardinian base, decimomannu.
Norway	140	6	100		Souda Bay, Crete.
Qatar	60	8			Souda Bay, Crete.
Romania	205				
Spain	500	7			
Sweden	122	8	78	0	Signonella.
Turkey		6			Signonella Air Base in Italy.
UAE	35	12			Decimomannu, Sardinia.
UK	1300	28	1,300	18	Gioia del Colle, Italy and RAF Akrotiri, Cyprus.
US	8507	153	2,000	228	
TOTALS	12,909	309	5,857	246	

With that, Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today from 3:30 p.m. and for the balance of the week on account of a death in the family.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 349. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4865 Tallmadge Road in Rootstown, Ohio, as the "Marine Sgt. Jeremy E. Murray Post Office".

S. 655. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 95 Dogwood Street in Cary, Mississippi, as the "Spencer Byrd Powers, Jr. Post Office".

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 32 minutes

p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, June 23, 2011, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2126. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report presenting the specific amount of staff-years of technical effort to be allocated for each defense Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC) during FY 2012, pursuant to Public Law 112-10, section 8026(e); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2127. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting Report to Congress: 2006 National Estimates of the Number of Boarder Babies, Abandoned Infants, Discarded Infants and Infant Homicides; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2128. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medical Devices; Reclassification of the Topical Oxygen Chamber for Extremities; Correction [Docket No.: FDA-2006-N-0045; Formerly Docket No. 2006N-0109] received June 7, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2129. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Determination of Attainment for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard: States of Missouri and Illinois [EPA-R07-OAR-2010-0416; FRL-9317-4] received June 6, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2130. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Idaho [EPA-R10-OAR-2007-0406; FRL-9316-7] received June 6, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2131. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Oregon; Interstate Transport of Pollution; Significant Contribution to Nonattainment and Interference with Maintenance Requirements [EPA-R10-OAR-2011-0003; FRL-9316-9] received June 6, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2132. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions and Additions to Motor Vehicle Fuel Economy Label [EPA-HQ-OAR-2009-0865; FRL-9315-1; NHTSA-2010-0087] (RIN: 2060-AQ09; RIN: 2127-AK73) received June 6, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.